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SUBJECT: MORE MEHMET ALI BIRAND STORIES CONCERNING US-TURKISH
AGREEMENT

1. MILLIEYT DECEMBER 10 AND 11 CARRIES BRUSSELS-DATELINED
ARTICLES BY MEHMET ALI BIRAND CONCERNING THE ALLEGED AGREEMENT
BETWEEN THE US AND TURKEY TO CREATE A POLITICAL ATMOSPHERE TO
FACILITATE CONGRESSIONAL ENDORSEMENT OF THE US-TURKISH DEFENSE
COOPERATION AGREEMENT (DCA). IN BOTH ARTILES, THE
TEXTS OF WHICH ARE SUMMARIZED BELOW, BIRAND CITES TURKISH OFFICIALS
AS SOURCES.

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2. THE THRUST OF THE DECEMBER 10 STORY IS THAT DURING THE
BILATERAL CONVERSATION BETWEEN SECRETARY VANCE AND FONMIN
CAGLAYANGIL A FINAL AGREEMENT WAS REACHED ON EXECUTION OF THE
AGREED PLAN. ALSO AT THAT MEETING, SECRETARY VANCE IS ALLEGED
TO HAVE TOLD CAGLAYANGIL THAT IN RESPONSE TO THE LATTER'S EARLIER
REQUEST, US WILL SUPPORT TURKEY IN ITS DEALINGS WITH INTER-

NATIONAL FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS. TURKISH SOURCES SAY THE SCENARIO IS BEING PLAYED OUT SATISFACTORILY AND IT WILL CONTINUE TO BE PLAYED OUT REGARDLESS OF THE GREEK ATTITUDE. BIRAND CONCLUDES HIS DECEMBER 10 ARTICLE BY SAYING THAT THE PRIMARY AREA OF CONCERN IS WHETHER OR NOT THE GOT WILL BE ABLE TO CARRY OUT ITS PART OF THE BARGAIN.

3. THE DECEMBER 11 STORY CLAIMS THAT THE TURKISH SIDE IS DRAFTING A NEW CONSTITUTIONAL PROPOSAL FOR CYPRUS AS PART OF THE AGREEMENT WITH THE US. AFTER FINAL APPROVAL OF THE AGREEMENT BY PRESIDENT CARTER AND PRIMIN DEMIREL, OTHER STEPS WILL BE TAKEN BEGINNING IN JANUARY, INCLUDING A MEETING BETWEEN PRESIDENT CARTER AND TURKISH CYPRIOT LEADER DENKTASH. BIRAND REPORTS THAT THE TURKISH SIDE IS CONCERNED, HOWEVER, BY THE FAILURE OF THE US TO SET A DATE FOR CONGRESSIONAL HEARINGS ON THE DCA AND HAS THEREFORE DECIDED TO PLAY ITS CARDS VERY SLOWLY. THIS CONCERN WAS EXPRESSED TO BIRAND BY ONE TURKISH OFFICIAL AS FOLLOWS: WHAT WILL TURKEY DO IF CARTER SAYS IN MARCH THAT HE CANNOT CONVINCE CONGRESS? OTHER UNCERTAINTIES INCLUDE THE ATTITUDE OF THE NATIONAL SALVATION PARTY AND THE MEANING OF SECRETARY VANCE'S PROMISE TO SUPPORT TURKEY IN INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS.

4. BOTH ARTICLES ARE LONG AND REPETITIVE. EMBASSY WILL CABLE FULL TEXT, HOWEVER, IF DESIRED.

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